

**281—68.12 (256F,83GA,SF2033) Review process.** Upon timely receipt of an application from an innovation zone consortium for the proposed establishment of an innovation zone school, the department shall appoint a minimum of five individuals knowledgeable in student achievement and nontraditional learning environments to review each application for an innovation zone school. A reviewer shall not participate in the review of any application in which the individual may have an interest, direct or indirect.

**68.12(1) *Cap on number of innovation zone schools.*** Pursuant to Iowa Code section 256F.3 as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2033, section 10, the state board shall approve the establishment of not more than ten innovation zone schools.

**68.12(2) *Allocation of points on applications.*** Points shall be allocated to applications; the maximum points for any one application shall be 100. The maximum points for each criterion shall be as set forth in paragraphs 68.4(2) “a” to “d.” The department shall make a recommendation to the state board regarding whether an application should be approved or denied by the state board.

**68.12(3) *State board review.*** The state board shall review the recommendations provided by the department. The state board shall, by a majority vote, approve or deny an application within 90 calendar days of receipt of the application and shall notify applicants within 5 days of the state board’s decision. An approved application shall be a part of the contract for the operation of the innovation zone school. The terms of the contract for the operation of the innovation zone school shall also outline the reasons for revocation or nonrenewal of the approval of the innovation zone school.

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